

**R277. Education, Administration.**

**R277-620. Suicide Prevention Programs.**

**R277-620-1[2]. Authority and Purpose.**

[A:](1) This rule is authorized under:

(a) Utah Constitution Article X Section 3 which vests general control and supervision of public education in the Board[;]; and

(b) Section ~~[53A-1-401]~~[53E-3-401](~~[3]~~4) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.

[B:](2) The purposes of this rule are:

~~[(4)]~~(a) to provide for collaboration with the Department of Health and Department of Human Services to establish, oversee, and provide model policies, programs for an LEA[s] and training for parents about youth suicide prevention programs;

~~[(2)]~~(b) to require an LEA[s] to have and update youth protection policies; and

~~[(3)]~~(c) to direct an LEA[s] to send notice to parents and protect the confidentiality of the required parent notification record regarding bullying and suicide incidents.

**R277-620-2[1]. Definitions.**

[A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education:]

(1) "Adverse Childhood Experiences Study" or "ACES" means the study conducted on potentially traumatic events that can have negative, lasting effects on health, learning, and well-being as defined by the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

[B:](2) "Intervention" means an effort to prevent a student from attempting suicide.

~~[C:](3) "LEA" [means a local education agency, including local school boards/public school districts, charter schools, and]~~includes, for purposes of this rule, the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

~~[D:](4) "Parent notification" means a notice provided by a public school to a students' parent(s) consistent with Section [53A-11a-203]~~[53G-9-604(2) and [53A-11a-301][53G-9-605(3)(e).

[E:](5) "Postvention" means mental health intervention after a suicide attempt or death to prevent or contain contagion.

[F.](6) "Program for secondary grades" means a youth suicide prevention program for students in grades 7 through 12, including grade 6 if middle or junior high school includes grade 6.

[G.](7) "State suicide prevention coordinator" means the person designated by the Department of Health - State Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health in Section 62A-15-1101.

~~[H. "USOE " means the Utah State Office of Education.]~~

~~[I. "USOE suicide prevention coordinator" means person designated by the Board to oversee the youth suicide prevention programs of LEAs and who is responsible to coordinate prevention programs, services, and efforts with the state suicide prevention coordinator.]~~

[J.](8) "Youth protection and mental health seminar" means a seminar offered for each 11,000 students enrolled in a school district to parents of students consistent with Section ~~[53A-15-1301]~~53G-9-702.

**R277-620-3. ~~[Superintendent, Board,] [USOE] [and LEA Responsibilities]~~ Youth Suicide Prevention Grants - LEA Reporting Requirements.**

~~[A. Board and USOE responsibilities:~~

~~—— (1) The USOE suicide prevention coordinator shall oversee LEA youth suicide prevention programs.]~~

~~[(2)]~~(1) The ~~[USOE]~~Superintendent, in collaboration with the Department of Health - State Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health and the S[s]tate suicide prevention coordinator, shall establish model youth suicide prevention programs for LEAs that include training and resources addressing:

~~(a)~~ prevention of youth suicides~~[-];~~<sub>1</sub>

(b) standard response protocols that utilize trauma informed practices, which may reference the ACES or other empirical data;

~~(c)~~ youth suicide intervention~~[-];~~<sub>1</sub> and

~~(d)~~ postvention for family, students,<sub>2</sub> and faculty.

~~[(3)]~~(2) Based on legislative appropriation, the Board shall distribute funds to LEAs to support suicide prevention efforts in the school district or charter school. ~~[so that]~~

(a) An LEA[s] can may use the awarded funds to select and implement:  
(i) evidenced-based practices and programs[;]; or  
(ii) emerging best practices and programs[;] .  
[to support suicide prevention efforts in the school district or charter school].

~~[(4)](3) The Board shall report jointly with the S[s]tate suicide prevention coordinator to the Legislature's Education Interim Committee in 2014 on:~~

~~—— (a) the progress of LEA programs; and  
—— (b) the Board's coordination efforts with the Department of Health - State Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health and the S[s]tate suicide prevention coordinator.]~~

~~[B. LEA responsibilities:]~~

~~[(1)](3)~~ An LEA[s] shall implement youth suicide prevention programs for students in secondary grades, including grades 7 through 12 and grade 6, if grade 6 is part of a secondary grade model.

~~[(2)](a)~~ (4) An LEA's youth suicide prevention program shall include the components provided in Subsection ~~[53A-15-1301]~~53G-9-702 (2).

~~[(3)](5) An LEA[s] shall update bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment, hazing, and retaliation policy[ies]] consistent with Section [53A-11a-301]53G-9-605 and Rule R277-613, including]~~

(5) An LEA shall establish a policy governing the required parent notification outlined in Sections ~~[53A-11a-203]~~53G-9-604(2) and ~~[53A-11a-301]~~53G-9-605(3)(e) and Subsection ~~R277-613-4~~[G and D].

~~[(4)](7)~~ (6) An LEA[s] shall provide necessary reporting information consistent with Subsection ~~[53A-15-1301]~~53G-9-702~~[(3)](7)~~ [and (5)] for the Board's report on the coordination of suicide prevention programs and seminar program implementation to the Legislature's Education Interim Committee.

**KEY: public schools, suicide prevention programs, parent notifications, seminars**

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